

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An integrated import/export system comprising:

a database containing data related to a plurality of shipping transactions,

each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions relating to a transfer of goods, between at least two jurisdictions,

with the data organized into records associated with each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions,

where each record includes a primary key, where said primary key uniquely identifies said shipping transaction associated with said record,

where each record also includes data required to process a plurality of steps of said shipping transaction associated with said record

including data required to process a step of exporting of a product from a first jurisdiction and data required to process a step of importing of said product to a second jurisdiction;

a database server hosting said database; and

an application server in communication with said database server for providing a user interface to any of a plurality of clients, each client associated with a member of a supply

chain for a particular shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions, said interface allowing said at least one client to modify [at least] a portion of a record associated with said particular shipping transaction if said member associated with said client has security authorization to modify said portion.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The integrated import/export system of claim 1 further comprising an electronic data interchange server in communication with said database server.

4. (previously presented) The integrated import/export system of claim 3 wherein said electronic data interchange server allows said system to exchange information with databases and data repositories of said member of said supply chain.

5. (original) The integrated import/export system of claim 3 wherein said electronic data interchange server allows access to databases maintained by governments of said jurisdictions.

6. (original) The integrated import/export system of claim 1 further comprising a file transfer protocol server for enabling receipt and transmission of said records using the file transfer protocol.

7. (original) The integrated import/export system of claim 1 further comprising a hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) server for enabling receipt of a request for a page and transmission of said page to an origin of said request.

8. (previously presented) A method of operating an integrated import/export system comprising:
maintaining a database containing data related to a plurality of shipping transactions,

each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions relating to a transfer of goods between at least two jurisdictions;

with the data organized into records associated with each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions,

where each record includes a primary key, where said primary key uniquely identifies said shipping transaction associated with said record,

where each record also includes data required to process a plurality of steps of said shipping transaction associated with said record

including data required to process a step of exporting of a product from a first jurisdiction and data required to process a step of importing of said product to a second jurisdiction;

providing an interface for accessing particular ones of said records in said database to a member of a supply chain for said particular ones of said plurality of shipping transactions;

receiving, from said member, an instruction to modify one of said particular ones of said records relating to said particular one of said plurality of shipping transactions;

determining whether said instruction to modify relates to a portion of said one of said records for which said member has modification authority; and

modifying said one of said records according to said instruction if said member has said modification authority.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 further comprising:

receiving a query for information stored in databases maintained by governments of said at least two jurisdictions;

responsive to receiving said query, accessing said databases maintained by said governments of said at least two jurisdictions to retrieve a result; and
presenting said result of said accessing to a source of said query.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising submitting documentation for entry into said databases maintained by said governments of said at least two jurisdictions.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising querying said databases maintained by said governments of said at least two jurisdictions to determine a clearance status of a given shipping transaction.

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) A computer readable medium containing computer-executable instructions which, when performed by a processor in an import/export system, cause the processor to:

maintain a database containing data related to a plurality of shipping transactions,

each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions relating to a transfer of goods between at least two jurisdictions;

with the data organized into records associated with each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions,

where each record includes a primary key, where said primary key uniquely identifies said shipping transaction associated with said record,

where each record also includes data required to process a plurality of steps of said shipping transaction associated with said record

including data required to process a step of exporting of a product from a first jurisdiction and data required to process a step of importing of said product to a second jurisdiction;

provide an interface for accessing particular ones of said records in said database to a member of a supply chain for said particular ones of said plurality of shipping transactions;

receive, from said member, an instruction to modify a particular one of said records relating to said particular one of said plurality of shipping transactions;

determine whether said instruction to modify relates to a portion of said one of said records for which said member has modification authority; and

modify said one of said records according to said instruction if said member has said modification authority.

14. (previously presented) A record editing system in communication with an integrated import/export system, said record editing system operable to:

display an interface to a member of a supply chain for a particular shipping transaction, said interface allowing interaction with a database containing data related to a plurality of shipping transactions,

each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions relating to a transfer of goods between at least two jurisdictions;

with the data organized into records associated with each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions,

where each record includes a primary key, where said primary key uniquely identifies said shipping transaction associated with said record,

where each record also includes data required to process a plurality of steps of said shipping transaction associated with said record

including data required to process a step of exporting of a product from a first jurisdiction and data required to process a step of importing of said product to a second jurisdiction,

said database maintained at said integrated import/export system;

receive, from said member, instructions to modify a record relating to said particular shipping transaction;

determine whether said instructions to modify relate to a portion of said one of said records for which said member has modification authority; and

modify said one of said records according to said instructions if said member has said modification authority.

15. (previously presented) A record editing system in communication with an integrated import/export system, said record editing system comprising:

an output means for displaying an interface to a member of a supply chain for a particular shipping transaction, said interface allowing interaction with a database containing data related to a plurality of shipping transactions,

each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions relating to a transfer of goods between at least two jurisdictions;

with the data organized into records associated with each shipping transaction of said plurality of shipping transactions ,

where each record includes a primary key, where said primary key uniquely identifies said shipping transaction associated with said record,

where each record also includes data required to process a plurality of steps of said shipping transaction associated with said record

including data required to process a step of exporting of a product from a first jurisdiction and data required to process a step of importing of said product to a second jurisdiction,

said database maintained at said integrated import/export system;

an input means for receiving, from said member, instructions to modify a record relating to said shipping transaction; and

a processing means adapted to:

determine whether said instructions to modify relate to a portion of said one of said records for which said member has modification authority; and

modify said one of said records according to said instructions if said member has said modification authority.